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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9029 and the November 11, 1990 Order of the U.S. District Court Authorizing Promulgation of Local Bankruptcy Rules, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island hereby provides notice that it proposes to amend the Local Rules as follows:

EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2004

Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1 (amended)
Local Bankruptcy Rule 9004-1 (new)
Local Bankruptcy Rule 9004-2 (amended)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(b), **the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island invites public comment** on the Proposed Amendments to these Local Rules. Copies of the proposed amendments to the local rules are available at the Clerk's office or on our website at www.rib.uscourts.gov. **Comments on the proposed rules and forms should be received by December 26, 2003 and addressed to:**

Susan M. Thurston, Clerk
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Dated: December 4, 2003

Susan M. Thurston, Clerk

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

December 4, 2003

COMMENTS DUE BY: December 26, 2003

The below local rules are proposed to be amended by deleting the language in strike-out mode and inserting the language in ***bold and italics***. In some instances, for efficiency sake, only that portion of the rule which is proposed to be amended is included.

RULE 5005-1 FILING OF PAPERS

(b) **Cover Sheet.** A cover sheet in the required form shall be filed with all ***non-electronically filed*** ~~bankruptcy petition filings~~, all adversary proceeding filings ***complaints***, and all notice of appeal filings

PROPOSED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9004-1 (new)

Treatment of Personal Data Identifiers Consistent with Judicial Conference Privacy Policy

In compliance with the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the E-Government Act of 2002, and in order to promote electronic access to case files while also protecting personal privacy and other legitimate interests, parties shall refrain from including, or shall partially redact where inclusion is necessary, the following personal data identifiers from all documents and pleadings filed with the court, including exhibits thereto, whether filed electronically or in paper, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or required by statute, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or the Official Bankruptcy Forms.

a. Social Security numbers. If an individual's social security number must be included in a pleading, only the last four digits of that number should be used.

b. Names of minor children. If the involvement of a minor child must be mentioned, only the initials of that child should be used. On Schedule I of Official Bankruptcy Form 6, list relationship and age of the debtor's dependents (i.e., son, age 6).

c. Dates of birth. If an individual's date of birth must be included in a

pleading, only the year should be used. On Schedule I of Official Bankruptcy Form 6, list the age of each of the debtor's dependents.

d. Financial account numbers. If financial account numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of these numbers should be used. On Schedules D, E, and F of Official Bankruptcy Form 6, debtors, if they so choose, may include their full account numbers to assist the trustee and creditors.

In compliance with the E-Government Act of 2002, a party wishing to file a document containing the personal data identifiers listed above may file an unredacted document under seal. This document shall be retained by the court as part of the record. The court may, however, still require the party to file a redacted copy for the public file.

The responsibility for redacting these personal identifiers rests solely with counsel and the parties. The Clerk will not review each document for compliance with this rule.

RULE 9004-2 CAPTION - PAPERS, ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS

See R.I. LBR 1005-1(a), ~~5005-1(c)~~ **5005-1(b)** and 7003-1(b).